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Applicants: James J. Alwan et al.
Serial No.: 09/910,542
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For: CAP LAYER ON GLASS PANELS FOR IMPROVING
TIP UNIFORMITY IN COLD CATHODE FIELD
EMISSION TECHNOLOGY
Examiner: Guharay
Art Unit: 2879

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INQUIRY BASED ON ADVISORY ACTION

This is an inquiry with respect to the Advisory Action dated April 29, 2003.

Pursuant to a telephone discussion with Examiner Guharay on May 2, 2003, Applicants are inquiring about the continued reason for the rejection of claims 11, 21, 31 and 39 stated in the Advisory Action given that Applicants have amended claims 11, 21, 31, and 39 as advised by the previous Examiner of Record, Michael Day. That is, Applicants have amended these claims to recite that the light blocking layer or antireflective layer is within the cap layer which would overcome the 35 USC § 112 rejection, the 35 USC § 102 anticipation rejection, and the 35 USC § 103 obviousness rejection. Since this case has been thoroughly searched, Applicants do not understand the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action that the amendments to claims 11, 21, 31, and 39 would "change the scope of the claims which would require further consideration and searching."

Throughout the prosecution of this application, the issue was raised by the Examiner on positioning the light blocking layer or antireflective layer within the cap layer. Therefore, the recitation that the light blocking layer or antireflective layer is within the cap layer, which Applicants have done in claims 11, 21, 31, and 39 at Examiner Day's suggestion, should place the case in condition for allowance. These changes have been reflected in the amendment filed March 19, 2003. A copy of the March 19, 2003 response is enclosed for your convenience. Considering that the search by Examiner Day was directed to a cap layer with the light blocking

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or antireflective layer. Applicants do not understand what additional search or consideration is required.

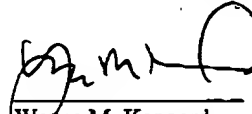
Applicant requests a telephone interview on this matter within the period of response dated April 29, 2003.

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Respectfully submitted,

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